

TRING'S PROUD RESULT

Wycombe Wanderers 0
Tring Town 2

THERE seemed only one possible result when Isthmian League Premier Division leaders Wycombe played host to Division 2 strugglers Tring Town in a friendly on Saturday — but this wasn't it.

Friendly or no friendly, Tring battled away gamely throughout and two late goals provided one of their biggest morale-booster of the season.

Assistant manager John Bowers said: "After today, we need be afraid of no one in our division."

Against a near full-strength Wanderers side, Tring had difficulty countering the famous Loakes Park slope in the first half, and were put under a lot of pressure.

OUTSTANDING

Ray Mulford, again outstanding, saved well from home captain Paul Birdseye, and then Bobby Dell saw a shot tipped over by Mulford.

Tring were very rarely allowed the chance to attack, but stubborn defence kept their peers out until half time.

Town showed much more inclination to attack after the interval with Martin Ayling forcing a save from Gary Lester. Mulford then made a marvellous save from a Scott header and Ray Brimson went close before Town scored after 80 minutes.

Lester and George Borg got in a tangle, and when the keeper failed to hold Ayling's cross, Peter Hunt was there to whack it in.

Three minutes later, good work by Hunt and Paul Johnson set Colin White clear. He moved on to the ball and scored with a real screamer of a shot into the top corner.

Tring still had to clear two shots off the line, and Mulford made two superb saves before the whistle.

Team: Mulford, Munro, Brimson, Blackwell, Farrelly, Hunt, White, Johnson, Ayling, Calverley, Ryan (Fussell).

This Saturday, Tring have an attractive home league fixture against promotion hopefuls Hornchurch at Pendley with a 3pm kick off. Tring's reserves, who drew 0-0 at home to Ruislip Manor in the Middlesex Border League on Saturday, have no game fixed as yet.